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Dear Charlie,

HMIP report on an independent review of progress at HMP Ranby 3-5 January 2023

Thank you for your Independent Review of Progress report at HMP Ranby, whereby you followed up eight key recommendations and four Ofsted themes from your most recent inspection in April 2022.

I am encouraged to note that you have seen good and reasonable progress being made across a number of the recommendations and Ofsted themes, and I am pleased to note that:

- Public protection arrangements had improved, supported by an effective risk management meeting which ensured that information was shared between the prison and community in a timely fashion.
- The leadership and management of reducing reoffending had improved and a comprehensive resettlement needs analysis had been undertaken to inform this important area of work. Multi-disciplinary meetings were in place and were well attended by pathway leads and early signs of progress were encouraging.
- Pre-release arrangements had progressed and were effective, joint working with partners had secured significant job outcomes for prisoners.
- Health care resources were now being used more effectively and there had been a decrease in the number of patients not attending appointments.

In respect of the key areas and Ofsted themes where you found insufficient or no meaningful progress, I can confirm that all the IRP findings have been carefully considered and steps will be taken to address them as appropriate. This will include the following;

- *Leaders should urgently prioritise increasing time unlocked and the provision of regular education, skills and work activities to fulfil the role of a training prison.*

I accept that the prison needs to make more meaningful progress in both ensuring time out cell for prisoners is increased and that a full regime is in place to make

certain that this time is spent meaningfully and in line with sentence planning targets.

A re-profiling exercise has been commissioned and will re-introduce evening activity from early March 2023.

In addition, the new Governor is engaged in a programme of reviewing both the education curriculum and prison activity offers to ensure that HMP Ranby can fulfil its full potential and meet both our expectations about the role of a training prison.

- *The integrated substance misuse service should provide treatment and interventions that are in line with national guidelines. Regular face-to-face reviews with the opiate substitution treatment prescriber, and a range of psychosocial interventions to support treatment and recovery, should be provided.*

The Governor has discussed psychosocial interventions with the Regional Health Commissioner and Nottinghamshire Health Care Trust senior leaders at the recent Contract Review Meeting. Assurances were given by Nottinghamshire Health Care trust around the recruitment to key clinical positions to support this work. We are committed to supporting prisoners' treatment and recovery through joint partnership working with our specialist partners.

- *Leaders and managers should make sure that activity allocation supports all prisoners' rehabilitation and resettlement needs and includes effective checks on allocation decisions. All prisoners should be allocated, and attend, purposeful activity that fully occupies them throughout the working week.*

New profiles will be introduced in March 2023, which will facilitate an improved offer of activity, focussed on resettlement needs and occupying more men on a full-time basis. The Governor is keen to increase numbers in workshops, improve facilities and engage with external stakeholders to improve the opportunities for men both in prison and on release.

The Governor, with the support of the Prison Group Director, will continue to progress the full Action Plan covering all the original recommendations.

I remain committed to ensuring continued progress against HMP Ranby's agreed Action Plan and I can assure you that through my operational assurance functions and the support of OSAG we continue to closely monitor progress.

Whilst I acknowledge that there is still work to be carried out at the prison in respect of purposeful activity, I am encouraged that progress has been made in rehabilitation and release planning and that our monitoring of the prison is in line with your findings.

Yours sincerely

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